

EVENTS

Maine film festival honors Gabriel Byrne

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Despite the 80 degree temperature and cloudless sky, nearly 800 filmgoers were at the Waterville Opera House on Friday for a screening of “The Usual Suspects” and the presentation of the Midlife Achievement Award to Gabriel Byrne at the Maine International Film Festival.

It may seem strange to some to spend such a perfect summer day in a darkened theater, but Gabriel Byrne, himself, put it best in an interview before the screening. “To me, there’s nothing quite like a group of strangers sitting in a dark room together in a public place, watching something that is a communal, emotional experience,” Byrne said. “That’s a different thing than sitting at home and watching it on TV. There’s something about the group consciousness, watching something, that’s irreplaceable.”

In his career, Byrne has taken on roles in an array of genres — all but comedy, in fact — from dirty cops, gangsters and pirates, to priests and even the devil himself. When it comes to selecting projects, Byrne said he’s drawn to themes that fascinate him and hopes to provoke thought among the audience. Those screened at MIFF, “Louder Than



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Maine International Film Festival program director Ken Eisen (left) and festival director Shannon Haines present actor Gabriel Byrne with the Midlife Achievement Award after a screening of “The Usual Suspects” at the Waterville Opera House on Friday.

Bombs,” “Jindabyne,” “Miller’s Crossing” and “The Usual Suspects,” all enliven viewers in different ways, whether it’s a complex family drama that challenges what it means to be “masculine” in our society or a crime film with a classic twist.

The Irish-born actor, who feels at ease in Maine because of the geographic resemblance to his home, took the opportunity to reinforce the importance of film festivals in small communities, such as Waterville, to thrive and grow.

“[I]t’s not just the work of

one person; it has to involve a community,” he said. “And if you look at places where movie festivals have taken off and you study them, what brought people to Telluride, Sundance, Toronto, Edinburgh? What is it there that drew people to those places? ... The commu-

nity has to become involved, and they have to see it as something that generates not just cultural interest, but it generates an awful lot of economic business, too.”

Film festivals also have a way of opening the doors for independent or foreign cinema within the community,

and in a world where mainstream cinema is married with commercialism, it’s a breath of fresh air. Byrne is an advocate for critically examining these types of blockbuster movies and even goes so far as to encourage audiences to question the motivations behind the making of them.

“Culture, particularly film and television ... people think it’s just a story. It’s just entertainment,” he said. “They don’t have to actually think too much about it ... but that’s the danger of it. The danger is you absorb that stuff unconsciously and it becomes a point of view. It becomes the way you see the world.”

For example, Byrne noted that most often all conflict in mainstream cinema is solved through violence. And, just as there’s product placement, there’s also idea placement, and many studio-driven movies become, essentially, propaganda. It’s the reason Byrne believes students should be taught critical thinking from a young age, because it is so crucial later in life to ask the important questions.

“If you have an unthinking people, you have a people who can be controlled,” Byrne said. “It becomes easier to make them fearful, and steer them down the wrong path.”

Things to Do

BANGOR — River City Cinema presents “Summer of Love” outdoor summer movie series, sundown Fridays in July, Pickering Square: “Say Anything,” July 22; “You’ve Got Mail,” July 29; rain date Aug. 5. Free.

BANGOR — Downtown Bangor Partnership’s 11th annual Cool Sounds Summer Concert Series and Fresh Air Market presented by Emera Maine and Beal College, 5-8 p.m. Thursdays, July and August, West Market Square and along Merchants Plaza. Free. To be announced, July 21; William Joseph Jordan, July 28; Broadway Rocks Bangor, Aug. 4; The Rotating Taps, Aug. 11; RetroRockerz, Aug. 18; Jon King, Aug. 25.

BANGOR — “My People (aren’t people),” art show featuring work of Jill E. Burke, 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, COESPACE, 48 Columbia St. jilleburke.wordpress.com.

BAR HARBOR — Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Reel Pizza hosting Seaside Cinema, screening of family-friendly movies, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 17, Agamont Park, downtown Bar Harbor. Free popcorn provided by Camden National Bank. 801-2566 or barharborinfo.com/Events/Summer-Family-Film-Series.aspx.

BAR HARBOR — Molly Neptune Parker, Passamaquoddy from Indian Township, demonstrating methods used in modern Wabanaki cuisine, with samples for those in attendance, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, on the lawn, Jordan Pond House. Free and open to the all. 288-3519 or info@abbemuseum.org.

BLUE HILL — Down East Maine native Anna Noyes talking about her new book of short stories, “Goodnight, Beautiful Women,” 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, Blue Hill Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Free. 374-5515.

BREWER — Shakespeare Under the Stars: Ten Bucks Theatre Company production of “The Comedy of Errors,” 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, July 21-23 and July 28-30; 4 p.m. Sunday July 24 and July 31, Indi-

an Trail Park. Bring blankets, chairs and picnic. Tickets \$10 at tenbucks-theatre.org or at the venue. Box office opens one hour before showtime. 884-1030.

CAMDEN — Everyman Repertory Theatre production of a parody of classic movie “Casablanca,” 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23 and 29-30, Camden Opera House. everymanrep.org.

EASTPORT — The Eastport Moonlight Movies, 8 p.m. Fridays, Sutherland Amphitheater, 80 Water St.: “The Second Best Marigold Hotel,” July 22; “Frozen,” July 30. 214-0040 or lolly@sweetiesd-owneast.com.

EDDINGTON — Pies on the Lawn sale, 4:30 p.m. Fridays in July, North Brewer Eddington United Methodist Church, 31 Main Road. 989-4715.

ELLSWORTH — Tea Time Tours, 3 p.m. Wednesdays, July 20 and 27, Woodlawn Museum. Staff-led tour followed by tea and cookies. \$12 Woodlawn members, \$15 others. Space limited. Reservations, woodlawnmuseum.org.

ELLSWORTH — Colored pencil drawing techniques class with artist John DelMastro, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, Woodlawn Museum. Designed to teach participants how to draw out color from a pencil through a series of practical exercises. List of materials needed for the class, calendar page, woodlawnmuseum.org. \$45 Woodlawn members, \$55 others. Registration required.

NORTHEAST HARBOR — Lantern-lit stroll, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, Asticou Azalea Gardens, 3 Sound Drive.

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Mystery for Hire mystery dinner theater, “Bingo Spells Mystery,” 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 26 and Aug. 2, Old Orchard Beach Pier. \$40. Reservations, 934-3595.

ORONO — Women of the World’s international potluck supper, as part of the Mandela Washington Fellowship program at University of Maine, 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Main St. Bring food to share. Families and children welcome. For information, call 581-1506.

ORONO — Bangor Band

concert, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, Collins Center for the Arts, University of Maine. Sponsored by Maine Summer Youth Music Camp. Free. bangorband.org or Lori Wingo, 944-4193 or info@bangorband.org.

ORRINGTON — Orrington Historical Society program on Ring Dairy Farm family, after public bean supper, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, East Orrington Congregational Church, 14 Center Drive.

PORTLAND — Guided tour of Portland’s oldest burial ground, 11 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, through Oct. 16. Tours led by trained volunteers. Tickets, \$10, \$5 students and seniors, free to children under 12. Tickets available at the gate, 224 Congress St., at time of tour, or in advance, spiritalive.org or eventbrite.com.

ROCKLAND — The Edna Project, wife and husband Liz Queler and Seth Farber with son Joey Farber, playing Edna St. Vincent Millay’s poetry set to music — folk, bluegrass, rock and jazz, with humor and harmonies, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Strand Theatre, 345 Main St. rocklandstrand.com/event/edna-project-poetry-edna-st-vincent-millay-set-music.

ROCKPORT — Miners Creek Bluegrass Band lawn concert, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, Rockport Masonic Center, 361 Main St., rain or shine. Bring lawn chair or blanket for seating. Free, but donations for the band accepted. Hamburger plate or hot dog

plate, including a side dish, chips, drink and ice cream, \$7 per person. A 50-50 raffle. Jeff, 691-2270.

SOMESVILLE — A Walk Through Old Somesville tour, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, Aug. 4 and Aug. 18. Starts at Somesville Museum. Tour Somesville National Historic District guided by C.H. Breedlove. \$10, limited to 10 participants for each tour. RSVP to erin.earlyward@mdihistory.org or 276-9323.

STONINGTON — Chamber in the Church series,

7 p.m. Tuesdays, Burnt Cove Church Community Center: July 19, Ralitza Patcheva and Vasily Popov, piano and cello; July 26, The DaPonte String Quartet, world premiere piece by Dutch composer and Maine resident Rocco Havelaar, Three Contrapuncti from Bach’s The Art of the Fugue, and Mendelssohn’s Quartet in F Minor Op. 80. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. operahousearts.org or by calling the box office at 367-2788.

WINTERPORT — Book discussion, “The Day

Before Winter” by Elisabeth Ogilvie, 6 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Winterport Memorial Library.

WISCASSET — The Age of Innocence and the Tuckers of Wiscasset, Maine, tours, 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, July 22, and Tuesday, Aug. 19. Registration required. Space limited. \$10 for Historic New England members, \$15 others. 882-7169 or historicnewengland.org/events-programs.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Tuesday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent (N) (HD)					Republican Convention	News	
	4 CBC Rick Mercer 22 Minutes	Standing Baronesse	The National (N)				CBC Coronation	Blackstone	
	5 CBS Big Bang	Broke Girl	NCIS (HD)	Zoo (N) (HD)			Republican Convention	News	
	9 CW Family Guy	The Flash (HD)	Containment (N) (HD)				News Seinfeld	Cougar	
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	America's Got Talent (N) (HD)					Republican Convention	News	
	7 ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	The Middle Fresh-Boat	Fresh-Boat	O'Neals		Republican Convention	News	
	WAGM FOX The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Hotel Hell (N) (HD)	Coupled (N) (HD)			News Big Bang	Big Bang	
	8 ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	The Middle Fresh-Boat	Fresh-Boat	O'Neals		Republican Convention	News	
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)		Republican National Convention The 2016 Republican	National Convention. (N)			C. Rose		
	9 IND Motive (N) (HD)	Amazing Race	Zoo (N) (HD)				News-Lisa CTV News	Daily Show	
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight	The Insider	NCIS (HD)	Zoo (N) (HD)			Republican Convention	News	
	22 FOX Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Hotel Hell (N) (HD)	Coupled (N) (HD)			FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Walk-Dead	
	33 IND M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan Isle	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	38 IND Big Bang	Big Bang	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead			WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld	
	NICK Crashletes	Thunder	Nicky, Ricky	Dudas	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends
	DISN Walk the	Liv-Mad.	Stuck	Judy Moody	NOT Bummer	Summer	Girl Meets	Best Fr.	K.C. Under.
	FREE Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)	Dead of Summer (N)			Guilt		700 Club
	HIST Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Big Easy	Big Easy	Big Easy
	DISC Deadliest Catch: On Deck		Deadliest Catch: The Bait	Deadliest Catch (N)			Homestead Rescue	Catch	
	TLC Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World	Little People, Big World			(01) My Giant Life (N)	Little People	
LEARN	A&E Born This Way		Born This Way	Born This Way			Born This Way	Born-Way	
	ANPL River Monsters		River Monsters				(01) Yellowstone: Battle for Life	Tribal	
	CSNE SportsNet	Early	U.S. Olympic Trials Diving.				Sports	SportsNet	Sports
	ESPN MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago.					Baseball Tonight (N) (L)	SportCtr	
	ESPN2 Arm Wrestling (N)		WNBA Basketball: Sparks at Fever				City Slam	Arm Wrestle	
	NBCSP IndyCar Racing		Tour de France Recap Show Highlights and previews from the Tour de France.					Indy Lights	
	NESN MLB Baseball	San Francisco Giants at Boston Red Sox. (N) (L)					Extra Red Sox	Sports	
	CNBC West Texas		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas		Shark Tank
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		America's Choice 2016		America's Choice 2016		Choice 2016
	FNC Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		The Kelly File (N) (L)		America's Election HQ (N)	Hannity (N)	
NEWS	MSNBC Politics 2016		Politics 2016		Politics 2016		Politics 2016		Politics
	AMC **** GoodFellas (1990, Crime Drama) (ESP) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. (R)						Feed the Beast (N)	Feed the	
	BRV Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck	Happens	
	CMT Last Man Last Man		* Son-in-Law (1993, Comedy) Pauly Shore, Carla Gugino. (PG-13)				Steve Austin's		
	COM Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)	Not Safe	Daily Show
	E! E! News (N)		Botched (N)		Botched (N)		Famously Single (N)	E! News	
	FOOD Chopped		Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped (N)		Chopped (N)	Chopped	
	FX (6:00) * After Earth		*** Star Trek (2009, Science Fiction) Chris Pine. (PG-13)				*** Star Trek (2009)		
	GAC Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders		Barnwood Builders	Barnwood	
	HALL Last Man Last Man		Last Man Last Man		The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	
VARIETY	HGTV Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Fixer Upper
	LIFE Ghosts of Girlfriends Past		* The Ugly Truth (2009) Katherine Heigl. (R)				Gold Medal Families (N)	Gold Medal	
	MTV (:10) ** Carrie (2013, Horror)		Chloë Grace Moretz, Julianne Moore. (R)				Scream (N)		(02) ATL
	OXY Sisterhood of Hip Hop		Sisterhood of Hip Hop		Sisterhood of Hip Hop		Sisterhood of Hip Hop	** ATL	
	SPIKE (6:00) ** The Book of Eli (2010, Adventure) (R)				* Law Abiding Citizen (2009, Suspense) Jamie Foxx. (NR)				
	SYFY (6:00) ** The Core (2003) Aaron Eckhart. (PG-13)				** 2012 (2009, Action) John Cusack, Chiwetel Ejiofor. (PG-13)				
	TBN Supernat. Potters		Blessing	Everyday	Prince	Cornelius	Praise the Lord		
	TBS Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Wrecked	Big Bang	Conan
	TCM (6:00) ** Red Sun (2014)		*** A Fistful of Dollars (1964) (R)		(:45) *** For a Few Dollars More (1965) (R)				
	TMC (6:30) Mercenaries (2014)		*** The Stanford Prison Experiment (2015) (R)				(:05) ** Along Came a Spider (2001)		
PREMIUM	TNT (6:30) ** Now You See Me (2013) Jesse Eisenberg.		Animal Kingdom (N)		Animal Kingdom		Animal Kingdom	Law	
	TRAVEL Bizarre Foods America		Delicious	Delicious	Bizarre Foods/Zimmer		Bizarre Foods/Zimmer	Bizarre	
	TRU Carbonaro Carbonaro		Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Carbonaro	Greatest	Greatest	Carbonaro
	TVL Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	(:12) George Lopez		George	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
	USA (5:30) G.I. Joe: Retaliation		WWE SmackDown! (N) (L)				Mr. Robot		
	VH1 Shaunie's T.I. and Tiny		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Basketball Wives LA	How Stel	
	WGN-A *** Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003), Nick Stahl (R)				** Tremors (1990, Horror) Kevin Bacon. (PG-13)				
	HBO The Night Of (ESP Part 2 of 8)		Any Given Wednesday		** Ted 2 (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Mark Wahlberg, Voice of Seth MacFarlane, Amanda Seyfried. (R)		Vice Principals	Mistress America (R)	
	MAX K-19: Widow. (:45) *** American Sniper (2014, War) (ESP) Bradley Cooper. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. (R)				(:15) *** Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014) (ESP) Colin Firth. (R)				
	SHOW Ray Donovan (ESP)		Roadies The crew falls vic-		** Need for Speed (2014) Aaron Paul. A street-car racer wants revenge on a treacherous rival. (PG-13)			(:10) Roadies (ESP)	
STZENC	STARZ (6:55) Power (ESP)		(7:55) *** Guardians of the Galaxy (2014, Science Fiction) (ESP) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. (PG-13)				Power James prepares to leave Ghost behind.	** Big Game (2014)	
	(6:05) *** Witness (1985) Harrison Ford. (R)		*** Superbad (2007) Jonah Hill. Co-dependent teens hope to score booze and babes at a party. (R)				Survivor's Remorse	Survivor's Remorse	Back to School

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